Retrenchment of Workers in Jabalpur Ordnance Factory

392. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ordnance Factories at Jabalpur are facing prospects of large-scale lay-offs or retrenchment ; if so, how many workers, category-wise are facing lay-off or retrenchment ; and

(b) what steps are being taken to avert such eventuallty ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) No, Sir. No worker in Ordnance Factories at Jabalpur is being retrenched or being laid off.

(b) Question does not arise in view of the answer to (a) above.

AIDs Cases in Indian Navy

393. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of AIDs cases in the Indian Navy have been reported in 1991 ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to check the spread of AIDs in the Indian Navy ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) No fullblown case of Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDs) has so far been reported among Naval personnel. However, till December, 1991, 11 Sailors were detected as cases of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection by Western Blot Test.

(c) (i) One AIDS Cell has been established in the Medical Directorate, Naval Hqrs., to co-ordinate the anti-AIDS activity.

(ii) For blood transfusion, only voluntary donors are accepted. Disposable Syringes have been introduced for immuni zations and routine procedures.

(iii) Infected cases are kept under surveillance so that they do not become a source of infection for others.

(iv) Screening of High Risk Groups is being carried out on a regular basis.

(v) Intensive Health Education of personnel and families, using various methods and media, highlighting the importance of Health Education, is being carried out. Further various workshops on AIDS are being conducted in all the Commands.

Death of NCC Cadet

394. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the Indian Express of 8th June, 1992 about the food poisoning of Delhi cadets of National Cadet Corps and death of a 21 years old girl cadet in the camp held at Meerut (U.P.) on 5th June, 1992 ;

(b) whether Government have made any enquiry about the poor quality of food served to cadets and poor living facilities provided to cadets ;

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and action taken thereon ;

(d) what are the consideration on which NCC camp of girl cadets was organised at Meerut instead of Shimla as originally planned ;

(e) the names of men and women officers who accompanied the NCC cadets to Meerut ;

(f) what medical facilities were provided to the cadets ; and

(g) what compensation has been paid to the family of the cadet who died in the camp ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Court of Inquiry held into the incident has concluded, on the basis of the opinion of Medical Specialist, Community Health Centre, Mowana, and